

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on December 7, 2006. All objections and rejections are traversed.

Claims 1-8, 17-40 are currently pending.

Claims 9-16 are cancelled, but Applicant reserves the right to bring claims 9-16 in a divisional or continuation application.

Election/Restriction Requirement

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims into two groups. Group I includes claims 1-8, and 17-34. Group II includes claims 9-16.

Applicant respectfully notes that the previously added claims 35-40 that were added in the Amendment filed on September 7, 2006 are not in any group. As claims 35 has the same preamble as claim 1, Applicant believes that claims 35-40 fall in the same group as Group I.

Applicant elects Group I including claims 1-8, 17-34, and 35-40. Applicant has cancelled claim 9-16 (Group II), but reserves the right to bring claims 9-16 in a divisional or continuation application.

All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

All dependent claims are believed to be dependent from allowable independent claims, and therefore in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner feel personal contact is required to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-2500.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannen C. Delaney', written over a horizontal line.

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